

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Letcher, South Dakota, established in 1883, came about as part of a mad scramble for "position" among settlers and land locators trying to outguess the Milwaukee Railway; and,

WHEREAS, The line from Mitchell was coming north. The tracks from Madison were building west. Where would the two meet? Towns-on-wheels sprang up and disassembled as fast as their horses could carry them; and,

WHEREAS, The first railroad town in Sanborn County, though not a winner of the Milwaukee sweepstakes, was instead a durable, thriving community called Letcher; and,

WHEREAS, Named after the part owner of the town site, Letcher was originally going to be called Pennington; and,

WHEREAS, W. H. Pooley published the first issues of the Letcher Blade in August of 1883, and the first postmaster, H. H. Heald, was also the owner of the first general store; and,

WHEREAS, Since those early days, times have changed dramatically; but still, the people of Letcher have great pride in their home and the progress it has made throughout the first one hundred years; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, the friendly people of Letcher are proud to be celebrating the town's centennial with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 10-12, 1983, as

LETCHER CENTENNIAL DAYS

In South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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